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REFS: (A) MURPHY TO ATHERTON OFFICIAL-INFORMAL AUG 18, 1976
(B) USDAO DAMASCUS 538, SEPT 30, 1976

1. DEPARTMENT IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF SEVERAL PENDING
MC APPLICATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE AERIAL LONG-RANGE OBLIQUE
(LOROP) CAMERAS TO SYRIA. RECOMMENDATION IS BASED IN PART

ON FACT THAT WE APPROVED DEMONSTRATION/SALE OF SIMILAR LOROP
CAMERAS TO EGYPT IN 1975 (AND DEPT OF DEFENSE SUBSEQUENTLY
EXPRESSED NO TECHNICAL/SECURITY OBJECTIONS).

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ITEK APPLICATION
TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL DATA/BRIEFING ON LOROP CAMERA KA-102A
AND POD (MC NO. 01560, AUG 19, 1975); BOURNS, INC., CHICAGO
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AERIAL INDUSTRIES APPLICATION ASKING FOR ADVISORY OPINION
ON POSSIBLE SALE OF KS-116A PANORAMIC AND KS-87B AERIAL

RECONNAISSANCE CAMERAS (MC NO. GC-1476, MARCH 30, 1976);
DEPARTMENT ALSO TELEPHONING FAIRCHILD SPACE AND DEFENSE
SYSTEMS TO INFORM THAT COMPANY THAT WE WILL GIVE CONSIDERA-
TION TO APPLICATION BY FAIRCHILD (APRIL 1976 LETTER FROM
SYRIAN ARMY TO FAIRCHILD AND MAY 1976 FAIRCHILD LETTER TO

USDAO DAMASCUS) TO DEMONSTRATE ITS KA-92 CAMERA TO SYRIANS.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL EMPHASIZE IN APPROVAL OR DISCUSSIONS
WITH EACH APPLICANT THAT APPROVAL IS ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE,
WITHOUT COMMITMENT BY USG TO SELL. FINAL APPROVAL WILL
ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
TECHNICAL/SECURITY VIEWS ON VARIOUS CAMERAS. ROBINSON

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